

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

25X1 ORIG: [REDACTED]  
 25X1 EXT: [REDACTED]  
 DATE: 14 Jan 1965

Approved For Release 2003/12/11 : CIA-RDP74B00836R000100020147-6  
 TOP SECRET

ROUTING	
1	Y6
2	DAD
3	AD/OSA
4	DCI
5	DDCI
6	DDIP
7	C/FE
8	KB
9	J. [unclear]
10	J. [unclear]
11	DD/SA
12	11
13	Commo
14	D/FA
15	
16	

25X1 TO: [REDACTED]  
 FROM: DIRECTOR  
 CONF:  
 INFO:

DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

OSA 1-15/20

12761

25X1 IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] INFO  
 IDEALIST

CITE  
 CO2

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GENERAL CARTER OR MR. KNOCH  
 25X1 SOONEST ON THEIR ARRIVAL [REDACTED] EYES ONLY, IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

DR. WHEELON SENDS. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE WE PROPOSE TO SEND  
 25X1 TO [REDACTED] REQUEST YOUR REVIEW AND PERMISSION FOR RELEASE.  
 25X1 WE FEEL IT IMPERATIVE THAT [REDACTED] HAVE AUTHORITY FOR PROPOSED  
 25X1 DISCUSSION WITH [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE MOST  
 CONCERNED THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SA-2 SITES TO COMMUNITY COULD  
 RESULT IN [REDACTED] PRIOR ANY [REDACTED]  
 AWAIT YOUR REPLY.

"1. APPRECIATE DETAILED, INFORMATIVE AND TIMELY  
 25X1 ACCOUNT OF [REDACTED] TO LOSS OF MISSION C-025-C.

"2. THE QUESTION OF [REDACTED] AFTER  
 25X1 1300Z WHICH BOTHERS [REDACTED] HAS ALSO BEEN OF MAJOR CONCERN TO US. LITTLE

COORDINATING OFFICERS  
 TOP SECRET  
 RELEASING OFFICER  
 AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE :

TOP SECRET

1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16
DEFERRED	PRIORITY
ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

TO :  
FROM :  
CONF :  
INFO :

42761

TO INFO CITE

CONSTRUCTIVE EVIDENCE CAN BE DERIVED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN TIME FOR A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE [REDACTED] TAPES WHICH WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THEIR RECEIPT IN HEADQUARTERS. AT THE MOMENT, AND WITHOUT HAVING HEARD THE TAPES, SURFACE SPECULATION BASED UPON

25X1

[REDACTED] DURING THE PERIOD 1300-1400Z WITHIN THE ENVELOPE OF THE INCIDENT, CONCEIVABLY MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THIS QUESTION. THE PRELIMINARY FEELING HERE IS THAT ANY [REDACTED]

25X1

[REDACTED]

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG:  
UNIT:  
EXT:  
DATE:

TOP SECRET

1		9	
2		10	
3		11	
4		12	
5		13	
6		14	
7		15	
8		16	

DEFERRED	ROUTINE	PRIORITY	INITIALS
		OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

PAGE 2

4276

TO INFO CITE

25X1 [ ] WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANTLY MAJOR TECHNICAL CHANGE AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE 25 NOVEMBER LAN CHOU ATTEMPTED SHOOTDOWN AND THE 10 JANUARY LOSS.

25X1 3. AS WAS SUGGESTED IN [ ] MESSAGE OF 12 JAN, ALL ELEMENTS  
25X1 CONCERNED IN [ ] ARE UNDERTAKING INTENSIVE STUDY OF NOT ONLY SUCH POSSIBILITIES AS ARE SUGGESTED BY PARA 2. REF. BUT CONSTRUCTIVELY TO SEE IF THERE ARE NOW CHANGES IN [ ] WHICH 25X1  
COULD BE USEFULLY MADE IN THE NEAR TERM SO AS TO ANTICIPATE TACTICAL CHANGES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF [ ] THERE ARE 25X1  
ALSO SEVERAL LONG TERM POSSIBILITIES, STUDY OF WHICH HAD BEGUN PRIOR TO 10 JAN, WHICH SHOW PROMISE IN GIVING ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION ON [ ] 25X1

4. RE PARA 3. REF, THE AFTERNOON OF 10 JANUARY HQS OBTAINED COMOR CONCURRENCE IN TARGETING THE NEXT KH SYSTEM FLIGHT ON THE

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE :

TOP SECRET

ROUTING	
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

PRIORITY	DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
	ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

TO :  
FROM :  
CONF :  
INFO :

PAGE 3

42761

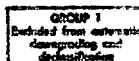
TO INFO CITE

PAO TOU AREA AND A REQUEST FOR SUCH COVERAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE ODUNIT CONTROL CENTER WITHIN 8 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION OF THE LOSS. AT THE SAME TIME [ ] WAS REQUESTED TO COMMENCE AN INTENSIVE, DETAILED, ANALYTIC STUDY OF ALL AVAILABLE MATERIALS ON THE PAO TOU AREA WITH FOCUS SHARPENED ON THE REGION OF THE LAST REPORTED ACFT POSITION. BY THE EARLY EVENING OF 11 JAN [ ] HAD SUCCESSFULLY IDENTIFIED NOT ONE BUT ~~ONE~~ TWO HIGHLY SUSPECT AND VERY PROBABLY OPERATIONAL SAM SITES IN THE PAO TOU AREA, ONE OF WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 48 NM EAST OF THE CITY WITH THE SECOND SITUATED SOME 26 NM SOUTHEAST THEREOF. MISSION TRACK [ ] TERMINATED WITHIN THE LETHAL CIRCLES WHICH OVERLAPPED FROM BOTH SITES. THIS MAY WELL EXPLAIN THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH THE CHICOMS WERE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE LOSS WHEN COUPLED WITH THE GOOD ACTUAL PREVAILING WEATHER AND WITH THE FACT THAT NIGHT-TIME SHOOT DOWNS ARE INITIALLY THE MORE

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER



AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE :

TOP SECRET

1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

TO :  
FROM :  
CONF :  
INFO :

PAGE 4

419 761

TO INFO CITE

EASY TO VERIFY THAN ARE THOSE IN DAYLIGHT WHERE SUN OR WEATHER MAY COMBINE TO MAKE CONFIRMATION MORE DIFFICULT.

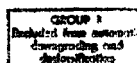
5. THE SAM SITES MENTIONED ABOVE WERE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO VERIFY FOR THE MOST PART BECAUSE THEY DID NOT FOLLOW THE TRADITIONAL SIGNATURE AND THEIR OPERATIONAL STATUS WAS DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE SCALE OF THE COVERAGE. [ ] HAD 25X1 SEARCHED THE AREA BEFORE WITHOUT FINDING THEM. HOWEVER, ONCE THEY WERE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE SAME LOCATION IN PRIOR PHOTOGRAPHY DISCLOSED EVIDENCE OF THEIR EXISTENCE GOING BACK AT LEAST TO [ ] IN VARYING STAGES 25X1 OF COMPLETION. THEY WERE POSITIVELY NEGATED IN THE ONLY PRIOR COVERAGE OF PAO TOU BY KH SYSTEMS IN [ ] AT APPROX 25X1 THE SAME TIME IN [ ] THE LAST TACKLE MSN TO PAO TOU WAS FLOWN 25X1 SUCCESSFULLY AND WITHOUT THE SAME EVIDENCE OF SAM ACTIVITY.

6. WE ARE BEING COMPLETELY FRANK WITH YOU IN TELLING THE

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER:



AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE :

**TOP SECRET**

ROUTING	
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

RECORDS	DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
	ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

TO :  
FROM :  
CONF :  
INFO :

PAGE 5

42761

INFO

CITE

CHRONOLOGY OF THESE FINDINGS SO AS TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER INFORMATION BASE FROM WHICH TO GAUGE YOUR TACTICS

25X1

INFORMATION ABOUT THE

EXISTENCE OF THESE SAMS HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON A NOFORN HOLDDOWN BASIS TO THE NORMAL KH CONSUMER COMMUNITY, INCLUDING CINCPAC, CINCPAC FLT, PACAF, AND COMNAVFORJAP. THIS WAS

25X1

THE JOB OF SEARCH AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE

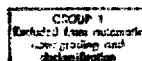
KH SYSTEMS OVER A COUNTRY AS LARGE AS MAINLAND CHINA IS, AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN, AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ONE. THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF NOT HAVING FOUND THESE KEY INSTALLATIONS IS PAINFULLY EVIDENT TO EVERYONE.

25X1

COORDINATING OFFICER

**TOP SECRET**

RELEASING OFFICER



AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG:  
UNIT:  
EXT:  
DATE:

TOP SECRET

ROUTING	
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

P R O C E D U R E S	DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
	ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

TO:  
FROM:  
CONF:  
INFO:

PAGE 6

42761

TO INFO CITE

THOUGH IT 25X1

MIGHT BE WELL TO STRESS THE LIMITATIONS OF KH SYSTEMS IN  
COMPARISON WITH THE MUCH HIGHER ACUITY OF THE TACKLE CAMERAS.  
IT IS FOR THIS LAST REASON, OF COURSE, THAT WE REMAIN FIRM IN THE  
OPINION THAT THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP OF THE TWO SYSTEMS IS THEIR  
EMPLOYMENT IN A MANNER WHERE ONE SUPPLEMENTS AND ENLARGES  
UPON THE OTHER.

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG:  
UNIT:  
EXT:  
DATE:

TOP SECRET

ROUTING	
1	9
2	10
3	11
4	12
5	13
6	14
7	15
8	16

ACTION	DEFERRED	PRIORITY	INITIALS
	ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	INITIALS

TO :  
FROM:  
CONF:  
INFO :

PAGE 7

45761

TO INFO CITE 25X1

REASSURED OF OUR RENEWED ATTENTION AND CONCERN FOR MAXIMIZING MISSION SAFETY. NOT ONLY THROUGH EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY ON THE ACFT, BUT BY AN EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KH COVERAGE AND TACKLE MISSION PLANNING. YOUR COMMENTS ARE, OF COURSE, SOLICITED.

END OF MESSAGE

25X1

25X1

25X1

COORDINATING OFFICERS

TOP SECRET

RELEASING OFFICER

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER